

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020

AGENDA AMENDED:

MOTION: It was moved by Councilwoman Ball and seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen to amend the agenda to reinstate the action item “Override Mayor’s Veto of the Cancellation of Sugar Days; motion carried unanimously.

The council called the question to amend the agenda and stated public health concerns and a desire for an official record of why Sugar Days was cancelled as a good faith reason.

Presiding: Mayor Steven Adams

Meeting Via Internet and at City Hall Convened at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer: Councilwoman Ball

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Adams

Present Online: Mayor Steven Adams; Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin; Councilors Joy M. Ball presiding at city hall, Steve Davis, Connie Fogle, and Catherine Nielsen; City Public Works Director Arlynn Jacobson; City Code Enforcement Officer Jonathan Turner; City Building Inspector Quinton Owens; Chairman Dave Thompson of the Planning and Zoning Commission; Attorney Chase T Hendricks; Citizens Becky Jeppson, Elaine King, Barbara Lusk, Bert McLaughlin, Jill Moss, Lawrence Nielsen, and others who may have joined electronically but not identified.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes 6-11-2020 – removed from the consent agenda

MINUTES OF 6-11-2020:

MOTION: It was moved by Councilwoman Ball and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle to approve the 6-11-2020 minutes as amended; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:00 PM –

Lawrence Nielsen – stated that he supports at least one city wide clean-up along with 75% of the citizens who responded to the survey. He hopes the city will continue the tradition and felt that paying a little extra was worthwhile to have a clean, beautiful city.

GENERAL BUSINESS (Discussion Only):

City Code 1-5-1 – Mayor Powers and Duties – Mayor Adams – reviewed with the council the history of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. He explained the checks and balances in our government and how our city government mirrors those balances. The mayor and council have separate duties and powers that check each other.

Citizen’s Training Day – Mayor Adams – The mayor reviewed how the right to safely bear arms is one of our individual rights protected by the state. As a private citizen he would like to work with other local leaders to make available a Citizen’s Training Day sometime next year for those interested. As a mayor he would like to gather information from that event to benefit the city and citizens.

OVERRIDE MAYOR’S VETO OF THE CANCELLATION OF SUGAR DAYS:

MOTION: It was moved by Councilwoman Nielsen and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle to override the veto.

The Tree and Beautification Committee recommended that the event be cancelled due to the COVID 19 social distancing, sanitizing, use of masks, and public health concerns that overwhelmed the event. The mayor accepted the committee’s recommendation earlier last week and notified the public through email and Facebook. The mayor will sign his statement and it has already been entered into the record as an official executive action.

PUBLIC WORKS: - Arlynn Jacobson

Teton City Pressure Line Tagged – the Teton City pressure line was accidentally tagged while excavating for the new Jr. High. The dig locate did not show the pressure line in that area. The city helped them get it fixed.

City Hall Roof – the down payment has been made and the membrane has been ordered. Work on the roof will start in about 2 ½ weeks.

3rd S Street Project Update – The total cost of the project was \$77,921 about \$5,000 higher than the bid price due to a wider road than what was bid and extra work done on the east side of the railroad crossing.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Dave Thompson reported that the commission did not meet last week due to lack of a quorum.

Business Park Meeting – a meeting is planned for next Tuesday or Wednesday.

OVERRIDE MAYOR’S VETO OF TO EXTEND EMERGENCY DECLARATION:

The council did not override the Mayor’s veto of the Council’s desire to extend their Emergency Declaration.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Meter Cost Increase – the meter cost increase is not part of the set fee structure to connect to the city water system and can be adjusted administratively to meet market values.

City Wide Clean-up – Councilwoman Nielsen and Mr. Jacobson will work together to come up with a draft proposal for the next council meeting. Mr. Jacobson will also check costs to use the Madison County dump.

Fiber Optic Line – the council will discuss the item on the next agenda to give the school time to review the encroachment agreement with any questions or concerns.

4th of July Parade – the council supports the idea of the city participating in the 4th of July parade. Councilwoman Fogle and Nielsen agreed to head up a float committee for next year. Councilman Davis will see if he can find a float to put in the parade for this year. There are no citizen volunteers to help.

CALENDARED ITEMS:

MOTION: It was moved by Councilwoman Nielsen and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle to suspend the reading in full for all calendared items listed below; motion carried.

First Discussion/Reading:

Mayor Veto Power Ordinance Amendment – was read by title only. Councilwoman Nielsen suggested the revisions to the City Code to conform with State Statute on mayoral veto powers. City Code allows the mayor to veto any action by the council. State Statute allows the mayor to veto ordinances. Councilwoman Ball thought that resolutions could be added back in to the mayor's veto power.

Second Discussion/Reading:

Campaign Sign Ordinance Amendment – was read by title only. Councilwoman Nielsen reviewed the revisions with the council.

Third Discussion/Reading:

Business Park Truck Route Ordinance – the council approved Ordinance No. 355_2020 to allow commercial truck traffic through the Business Park as part as the Business Route.

Ordinance No. 355_2020 was introduced to the council:

“SUGAR AVENUE SHALL BE PART OF SUGAR CITY'S BUSINESS ROUTE. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 5-1-3 WHICH PROHIBITS THROUGH TRAFFIC ON SUGAR AVENUE BY VEHICLES LARGER THAN PICKUP TRUCKS AND SIGNING SUGAR AVENUE AS PART OF SUGAR CITY'S BUSINESS ROUTE.”

It was moved by Councilwoman Nielsen and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle to adopt this ordinance.

Those voting aye: Councilors Ball, Davis, Fogle, and Nielsen
Those voting nay: None

Ordinance No. 355_2020 was thereupon passed by not less than two-thirds of the council. The clerk will publish Ordinance No 355_2020 in summary or full immediately in at least one issue of the *Standard Journal*, a newspaper published in the city of Rexburg, Madison County, Idaho.

Misdemeanors to Infractions Ordinance Amendment – was read by title only and reviewed. The council will review the item for the next agenda. New guidelines on use of motorized vehicles on city streets and definitions were added.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Garbage Fee Increase Delay Update: Clerk McLaughlin reported that PSI Waste Systems will not increase the garbage fees until September and it may not happen then if Madison County does not raise the dump fees. Therefore the city will not increase their garbage fees.

Use of Elected Titles – Councilwoman Nielsen cautioned the mayor and councilors to use their titles only when doing city business. Discretion should be used when participating and sponsoring public events to avoid possible city liability and the appearance of using their title to push personal agendas.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: No Report

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m. Councilwoman Nielsen motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Signed: _____
Steven Adams, Mayor

Attested: _____
Wendy McLaughlin, Clerk-Treasurer